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Beloved faculty member to retire

By Holly Abrams
FACULTY SENATE REPORTER

Over the years, the leaders and members of Faculty Senate have come and gone, but there has been one constant. This will soon change when Diane Whitmire, administrative secretary of the body, retires at the end of the month, after working 35 years at the University.

"I'm the continuity of the Faculty Senate Office, I'm the only one who really stays here," Whitmire said. "I am the institutional memory of not only Faculty Senate, but just of BGSU because I've been here so long."

Rounding off her career working with Faculty Senate has been the perfect fit, Whitmire said, because of her ability to work independently.

"Working with the Faculty

Senate has been very, very rewarding because it has given me many opportunities," she said. "In a job like this, you have to be the right kind of person to adjust to a whole new group of people every year, and by the time I get to know these people and how they work and what they expect, they are gone and then you start over again."

Her history is rich with pride, not only for her work, but for the University as well.

"You don't stay some place for 35 years unless you love it," Whitmire said.

Her retirement date is set for Feb. 1, and her last work day will be Jan. 28. A retirement reception will be held today

from 3 to 5 p.m. in the McFall Gallery. The event is open to the public and will feature speeches by past and present co-workers of Whitmire.

Starting out as a secretary for WBGU-TV, Whitmire has made the rounds at the University working in several departments on campus.

Whitmire was lucky to get her first job at the TV station. She interviewed for the job and was accepted the same day. Her BGSU career began just three days after graduating from high school in 1967.

But times have changed since then, Whitmire said.

"It's just not like that today," she said. "It's very hard for a

person outside the campus to get their foot in the door."

Whitmire is grateful to her aunt, Mary Thompson, who worked in the Alumni Center at the time, and helped her find the job. Whitmire worked at the TV station until 1971.

Whitmire grew up in the northwest Ohio area and attended Liberty Center High School in Liberty Center where she met her future husband and 36-year employee at the University, Duane.

Whitmire left her position at Bowling Green only once from 1971 to 1973, when Duane took on a job as an adviser at the OSU-Lima campus. During that time, Whitmire worked on the campus as well, and typed dissertations for Ph.D. students as a side job from her home.

After a few years there, Duane decided to attend the University of Toledo, so the family moved back to Bowling Green, and that is when Whitmire took on a part-time grant-funded position with the Modular Achievement Program.

This was similar to the first year experience and learning communities the University has now, she said. After that, she worked in the Division of General Studies and other areas of the University.

Her next move was in 1978 to the Office of Public Relations and Publications where she worked for 14 years.

"It was really an interesting place to work because you had the opportunity not only to work for the school, but it gave me an opportunity to get to know a lot

WHITMIRE'S AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- BGSU 2004 Homecoming Spirit Award for Faculty Senate and the Graduate College
- Falcon Football Honorary Guest Coach, Nov. 15, 2003
- Presented the Honorary Alumnus Award 2002
- Honored by the Faculty Senate for 10 years of service to Faculty Senate, April 2002
- Member of the BGSU Falcon Club
- Nominated for the Classified Staff Outstanding Service Award twice, 1996 and 2000

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EVENING CHAT



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SOCIALIZING: Last night in the Union, Simone Engram (far left), senior psychology major, Sierra Peoples (middle), sophomore marketing major and Amponsah Nkansah (right), junior special-education major eat at Zza's and enjoy smoothies while chatting about boys, class and enjoy each other's company.

Parking, traffic topic explored

By Laren Weber
SENIOR REPORTER

The first 6 o'clock series of the semester held last evening at the Union debated issues concerning parking and traffic, and addressed the beginning stages of future parking plans.

Six speakers, including Stacie Enriquez, manager of Parking and Traffic, Jim McArthur and Mark Brunner, both of Design and Construction and Bob Waddle, representing Capital Planning, spearheaded last night's discussion.

One of the first topics brought to the table was a concern of Brent Arnold, senior at the University, about where all the money generated from parking passes and parking tickets is directed toward.

"I want to know where all the money goes," he said.

The parking budget is an auxiliary budget similar to the book store, residence halls and athletics, Enriquez said.

"As an auxiliary budget, it generates its income to pay all of its expenses," she said. "The money generated from parking tickets and parking registration funds the entire operation from

the pens we use to the trucks we drive to the shuttle service."

Questions and concerns about parking on campus have been continuously debated, but the master plan on redesigning parking on campus is being updated for the first time in 35 years, Waddle said.

"Right now we are in the midst of planning the largest expansion in changes that we're going to see on campus across a large stretch of years," he said.

An issue also addressed at the forum specifically affecting commuters is the attitude that there are not enough spaces available for them.

In reality, there is plenty of parking available, but it might not be the most convenient place in their opinion, Enriquez said.

"We issue 5,500-6,000 commuter passes through the year, and there are around 2,700 commuter spaces," she said. "What's key is that not everyone is here at the same time. There are peak times like Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. when we have the highest concentration of vehicles on campus."

Due to the fact that the



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I'M LISTENING: Brent Arnold, senior, asks about where Parking and Traffic money goes at the 6 o'clock series last night in the Union.

University is in a rural setting, people have the expectation they are going to drive to campus and park right next to the building they are

going to, Enriquez said.

"If we were an urban area, we wouldn't have that expectation,"

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Program pilot set for spring

Community for grad students looks to maximize technology.

By Holly Abrams
FACULTY SENATE REPORTER

The Graduate Student Senate is piloting an e-portfolio learning community this spring, with the intention to open it up to all graduate students next fall as technology permits.

This program will provide graduate students with electronic means to present their accomplishments and attract future employers.

The steering committee worked all last semester and there are now seven students and seven mentors in the learning community.

A Graduate Issues Committee through the Graduate Council has also been working on defining mentorship and developing it in the community, said Jacquelyn Walters, former president of Graduate Student Senate.

"The purpose of this pilot is to get some graduate students working with faculty to develop e-portfolios and work through some of the glitches," she said.

E-portfolios offer a wide range of options to students and faculty alike, Walters said.

"It really gives very defined views of students and their accomplishments rather than black and white paper," she said.

Options the e-portfolio adds can include electronic dissertations, videos, audio clips and presentations.

The e-portfolios can also feature a photo of the student, resume, optional audio or visual clips, a link to E-mail the student and link to Web sites or the student's own site.

One of the main benefits of an e-portfolio is that the Internet makes it accessible from anywhere, anytime, anywhere, Milton Hakel said.

The portfolios allow students to attach files of all kinds including visual and audio files, said Hakel, professor and eminent scholar in the department of psychology who is helping GSS with the project.

"My role is really to show people the software and give advice on how to use it to create portfolios," Hakel said. "My hope is students who use and create

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Major Mania offers advice to students

By Laura Hoesman
REPORTER

For students experiencing major, or even minor difficulty in deciding what they want printed on their diplomas, help may be on the horizon.

In cooperation with each academic college and the Career Center, the Office of Academic Enhancement will host the Fifth Annual Major Mania in Olscamp room 101, from 1-4 p.m. tomorrow.

"The main purpose is to allow students to gather the kind of information that will be helpful for them as they select a major or minor," said Mary Lynn Pozniak, the event's coordinator.

"It is actually a good opportunity for students to speak to several faculty or staff members at the University about any majors of interest."

Fifty-six informational tables from different majors and colleges will be set up, and students will have the opportunity to learn about specific aspects of the majors they are considering.

According to Pozniak, every major offered by the University will be represented. "The college academic advising offices will all be there, so for any major that doesn't have its own table, the college office will provide the

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com



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Whitmire looks back, remembers BG

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of people on campus from other areas that I might not otherwise be able to meet during my time on campus," she said.

With the encouragement of the Director of Publications, Clifton Boutelle in 1992, Whitmire took a position in the Faculty Senate office, a full-time position that she has held for 13 years now.

There are different officers each year, and the vice-chair is the only person she is able to work with two years in a row. The Faculty Senate Office is also in charge of 25 standing committees on campus, which have a yearly turnover as well.

Very few people get to meet people from so many areas of the University, Whitmire said.

"I feel like I've made the circle around," she said. "I've worked with students, I've worked with administrators and faculty. I think I've fulfilled the circle of working at BGSU by working with all the different areas of constituents. Probably the most rewarding thing about doing that has been the many people I have met. In what other job on this campus do you have the opportunity to meet so many people?"

Past and present coworkers describe Whitmire as an expert in her field.

"I think what was the most amazing about Diane is she knew everything about the

University: the policies, the rules and the all the regulations of the senate," said Leigh Chiarelli, former chair of Faculty Senate. "I could depend on her totally for information and insights on what was happening. She was fun to be around and to work with. She always seemed to be very positive and kept things upbeat and tried to help people."

Faculty Senate member Monica Longmore echoes Chiarelli's views. "She has won and received almost every award a staff member can get," Longmore said. "She is so expert on how the government of the University works and how the charter operates. She is totally delightful and incredibly bright, organized and a lot of fun to work with."

Her greatest honor has been receiving the Honorary Alumnus Award in 2002. It was especially meaningful for Whitmire because her aunt who helped her find her first job at the University received the same award in 1978. This award is given to someone who did not graduate from the University but has given service and dedication to the University in other ways.

"It is a great honor to achieve this," she said. "And for me to be a classified employee at the University as a secretary, it truly was a great honor because you don't see secretaries a lot being honored. You see faculty and administrators being honored,

but very seldom do you see secretaries being honored."

Whitmire has seen many changes in the University throughout her time here, including her work for five University presidents.

"You really see the changes throughout the years," she said. "Not only with the way the University operates, but just I think people themselves, their work ethics and the pride they take. I think the University has changed a bit in that aspect through the University. I think we need to work more as a team."

One of the biggest adjustments for her throughout the years has been the vast changes in technology, Whitmire said. She has gone from using electric typewriters to the complex PCs we have today.

She has seen many changes in the University as well during her time here. She remembers when the University only went as far as the education building, which is where the football field was located. And also when Oak Grove Cemetery was "way across campus." Where she now works in McFall Center used to be the campus library.

Whitmire finds the prospect of retirement to be bittersweet.

"BGSU totally has been our whole life. So when you think about retiring and something has been part of your life for 35 years, you are bound to be both

happy and sad," she said.

There are some aspects of the University she knows she will miss.

"Yes, I have loved the work I've done but I'm really going to miss the contact with the people," she said. "And I always look forward to [meeting people] and I think I'm going to miss that the most."

Whitmire is eager to spend time with her husband in retirement. She plans on traveling, playing golf and keeping active. She is also eager to spend time with their first grandson, seven-week-old, Tanner.

"Duane and I have a lot of good things going for us. We're both young and healthy," she said. "We're just going to and have fun. We've given our time to BGSU and now it's time to give our time to us."

With three sons, who also graduated from the University, they are avid Falcon fans.

"That's one thing we will never give up; our love for BGSU sports," she said.

When people tell her how they can't wait for retirement, Whitmire always thinks of a quote she lives by: "Don't just count your years, make your years count."

With her devotion to her job and the University, Whitmire lives out that quote daily.

"And I feel that I have done that," she said. "I truly believe I've done that in every job I've worked."

E-portfolios offer chance for grad students to show work

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portfolios will find it to be a useful tool."

Dan Madigan, professor and director in the teaching and learning center, echoes Hakel's views. Madigan pioneered the undergraduate e-portfolio project.

"There are a lot of advantages to a portfolio," Madigan said. "It organizes your work and makes it available in certain ways that are up to you, so it's very personal."

The committee piloting the learning committee will continue to meet all semester, Walters said.

One of the main focuses this semester will be on the technology involved as the matrix within the e-portfolios does not tailored to graduate students, Walters said.

The e-portfolio and mentoring experience should be rewarding to faculty as well as students, Walters said.

"We hope the faculty will see this as something they should start doing and can use as well," she said.

Graduate students should be able to use the portfolios when they too are faculty, added Walters.

Graduate students will most likely use the portfolios to showcase their accomplishments, Madigan said.

"I think where grad students are going to want to use it the most is in showcasing their

work," Madigan said.

The learning community will most likely find out how graduate students will use the portfolios and what will be most useful to them, Madigan said.

But there are still some areas of the project that need improvement, Madigan said. The software needs to be made more flexible for graduate students' needs, he said. Currently the e-portfolio is set up to promote four years of undergraduate work, whereas for graduate students it would be more beneficial to showcase current work.

This semester the committee's aim is to find mentors, said Walters.

"Not everyone has a mentor and that's a big goal that every student find a mentor," she said. "They're there to kind of push students in different ways than before."

The University is at the forefront of the e-portfolio movement, Walters said.

"Only a few Universities nationwide have done this, so we're really pushing it for Bowling Green graduate students," she said.

Hakel is of the same mind as Walters.

"I expect it to become very popular," he said. "We're looking at this as a way to document their learning experience that would appeal to employers, parents and other members of the community."

Major Mania not only for undecided

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information about that major."

The Career Center will have two informational tables at Major Mania. One table will represent the University's co-op and internship program, and the other will focus on a career software program called Sigi Plus, which is accessible through the MyBGSU Web site.

"Sigi Plus is a software program that helps students explore their interests and possible careers," said Annette Badik, assistant director of the Career Center. "We're going to be running the program throughout Major Mania, so students can sit down

and we can teach them how to run the program."

Badik said the Sigi Plus program is focused on helping students choose a major, but Career Center representatives will be on hand to talk to students about their future careers or to schedule counseling appointments.

The co-op and internship table will give students information about how on-the-job training will affect their education.

"The students are probably there to ask questions about majors, but they may also have questions about how their majors tie in to work, and then we will be there to answer questions about co-op and

internship and how that can be meaningful to what they are learning," Badik said.

Major Mania is not only for undecided students, according to Badik. Students interested in switching majors may also attend. "While it is focused on undecided students, there may be students who are undecided within a college or unclear about their career goals or academic majors who may still want to attend."

Over 200 students from University 131 classes will attend the event as part of the career and life planning course, Badik said.

"It's pretty busy," she added. "Last year there were hundreds of students who came, and we anticipate the same if the weather holds out"

In addition to being informative, Major Mania is also fun, according to Pozniak.

Students who fill out an evaluation of Major Mania will be entered in a raffle drawing for prizes, including a grand-prize Apple iPod.

Popcorn and other refreshments will be provided.

While Major Mania can be helpful to many students, Pozniak said students shouldn't expect a miracle.

"We don't guarantee that students are going to walk in the door with no idea what they're doing and come out with a completely clear picture," Pozniak said. "But I know that students have found Major Mania to be very helpful."

Many questions answered despite low number at lecture

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she said. "Plus, we are a society of convenience and we've got hundreds of people vying for the same close space."

Although the number of people who attended the forum was slightly lower than expected, many questions were answered and the

answers were explanatory, said Jen Ward, program coordinator of last night's event.

"People in charge of parking aren't out to get you; they're actually trying to work to get something done and there are plans being implemented, but they can't do everything at once," she said.

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get a life

The calendar of events is taken from <http://events.bgsu.edu/>

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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THE BLOTTER

Friday

Marc Michaels of Akron, Ohio was cited for disobeying a traffic control device at 8:30 a.m. A large fight was reported in front of Phi Kappa Tau House. It is still under investigation. Complainant reported a subject broke a glass out of the shuttle stop at Chapman.

Saturday

An intoxicated subject was ejected from pregame activities at the basketball game. A University snow plow hit a parked car. Brett Dorsten of Celina, Ohio was cited for underage consumption, disorderly conduct while intoxicated and resisting arrest.

Keith Rose of Columbus, Ohio was cited for possession of marijuana (less than 100 grams). John Escolas of Hillard, Ohio was cited for possession of marijuana (less than 100 grams) and underage possession of alcohol.

Student nets \$100,000 in scholarships, achieves goal

By Scot Kirk
ART CAMPUS

Two years ago, when Shayla Price was a high school junior, she realized that her goal of attending college would not be realized without financial resources that her parents couldn't then provide.

So she began searching and applying for minority and academic-based scholarships. What made Price's search unusual was the amount of scholarship money she ultimately received: \$100,000.

Now a freshman at Xavier University of Louisiana, Price, 19, said that her goal was to totally pay for her college education.

"I knew that if I wasn't able to pay for school with grants or scholarships, I was not going to be able to go to college," said Price, who is majoring in business administration at the New Orleans institution.

She began by looking on Internet search engines for minority scholarships, and then clicking on almost all results that came up. She went to her guidance counselor for local

scholarship listings, and conducted her national search online.

Price laughed out loud when she thought about the hours and energy she put into her search.

"Every time I got tired, I would just think of my dream to go to college and that this was my way to fund my education," Price said.

Each scholarship had its own requirements, so Price had to read each application carefully. Some asked for references and letters of recommendation. She wrote essays for most of them.

Price had plenty of material to write about: During her senior year at Thibodeaux High School in Thibodeaux, La., Price was valedictorian. She served as sophomore and junior class president. She was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Price didn't stop with academics. She was active in community and service

organizations, including several that help youth. Price was named a 2004 Louisiana Young Hero in a program co-sponsored by Louisiana Public Broadcasting.

Price would rely on the honors she earned to complete her many essays. She applied for at least 60 scholarships, often sending in material a month in advance of the due date.

The rejection letters came first. She felt discouraged and a little worried while she waited for the first acceptance notice. It took nearly a year to arrive. Her mother told her that once the first award letter came, the rest would soon follow. She was right.

"One came and then another and then another, and after a while I started adding them up," Price said, "and I began to think, OK, I'm going to be able to go to college for free, almost."

The Internet has revolutionized the scholarship and grant search, giving students the unprecedented

ability to research and apply for scholarships by specific criteria, and even obtain daily e-mail updates. The Internet was Price's primary resource, and she used free search services, including Google, FastWeb.com and Yahoo.

If she had to, she would have done her search the old-fashioned way, with scholarship books and printed listings, she said. But she said she believes the process would have been much harder.

Price's success is definitely above the norm, said Linda Peckham, a spokeswoman for the College Board, which conducts annual studies of college tuition costs and student financial aid. According to Peckham, the average amount of financial aid awarded to full-time students nationally is \$9,000. Most individual scholarships

range from \$500 to \$5,000.

"One hundred thousand dollars is extraordinary," said Peckham. "I've never seen anything like that."

The College Board recommends that students do what Price did and begin the process early, even in the freshman year of high school.

Start with a wide search using Internet search engines.

"The beauty of the Internet is that it's so much easier for students to use, and they're able to access it 24 hours a day," Peckham said. "They can do it according to their schedule."

Nationally, the average cost of college tuition in 2004 at a public institution was \$11,354. It was \$27,516 for a private school. At the private Xavier University of Louisiana, tuition is about \$23,700 a year.

SCHOLARSHIP ADVICE

SHAYLA PRICE OFFERS HER TIPS ON HOW TO GET SCHOLARSHIP MONEY:

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Bette Midler, a guest on Johnny Carson's last show in 1992, on the death of the comedian.
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OPINION

U-WIRE EDITORIAL | THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

New FCC restrictions too harsh

Following his father's footsteps, Michael Powell announced Friday that he will step down from his post as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission in March.

His decision has brought smiles to some — those who are fed up with the numerous regulations that have been placed on media outlets over the past four years. Others are hesitant to react so joyously.

YOU DECIDE

Do you think the media deserves the new restrictions from the FCC? Send an E-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

On Friday, The New York Times speculated that the two likely candidates for the position are considered more conservative than Powell.

The media, though prone to mistakes, does not deserve the harsh treatment the FCC has put on it.

Individuals — especially Howard Stern — have been hammered by the FCC for saying and doing things that the FCC believes promotes indecency. If the next chairman of the FCC follows in the steps of Powell, the media will suffer, artists will suffer and audiences will suffer.

Right now, the American

media is being labeled and spit upon because a relatively small amount of individuals chose to act in ways that some in our society see as inappropriate.

But who has the right to label something appropriate or not? We live in a society that stresses having an open mind and the importance of individuality, but when this goes out the window in regards to the media — be it the news, television shows or song lyrics — we must fight back.

There must be a line drawn to demonstrate that the FCC cannot control the media. The next chairman of the FCC, most not take advantage of the power bestowed upon him or her, but instead most work with the media to create a climate that is conducive to freedoms of expressions.

The ever-growing regulations that are strangling the media have the power to harm and stifle the creative processes and to violate

the media's right to freedom of speech. The resignation of Powell could improve the situation — if someone steps in and follows the American Bill of Rights.

The next chairman of the FCC, should work with the media to create a climate that is conducive to freedoms of expressions and one that adheres to the growing technological fields the FCC is having to evaluate, not function as a censor board.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

News weather forecast was way off base

I thought it was pretty ironic that in Friday's BG News there was an error for Saturday's forecast, predicting weather to be at a high

of 55 degrees and a low of 39 degrees. In actuality there was winter weather advisory up expecting near a foot of snow to hit Bowling Green that same day (temperatures with a high of 20 degrees).

What is even more ironic is that in the same paper there was an article featuring Raleigh, North Carolina in a frenzy after being hit by an unexpected

snow storm courtesy of a meteorologist's error.

Therefore I take my hat off to the BG News for making such a great comical error, but I am putting my hat back on because it is cold outside.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What two football teams did you originally predict would meet in the Super Bowl?



LOGAN BURNSIDE
FRESHMAN,
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"Green Bay and Green Bay."



JOE HOWDYSELL
FRESHMAN, FINE ARTS
"The Patriots versus the Falcons."



JEN CIANCIO
SOPHOMORE,
PITTSBURGH NATIVE
"The Steelers and whoever the Steelers would be beating the crap out of."



ALLYSON COLEMAN
SENIOR, T-COM
"Who cares as long as their asses look good in those football pants?!"

Good can come out of the tsunami



JESSICA FAUSNAUGH

Opinion Columnist

I never thought I'd be grateful for a natural disaster such as the tsunami, with over 200,000 dead and thousands missing, but, in a way, I am.

That sounds incredibly heartless doesn't it? Families are separated and broken, properties are damaged beyond recognition and the long-term effects on the local and global economy have yet to be shown.

How could I be grateful for such a terrible tragedy? For this entirely selfish reason: it serves as a reminder for me that there are still compassionate people in America, with good intentions and good hearts.

My family and I got involved in a local relief effort, where our church collected materials for "care kits" of toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand towels, hair combs, shampoo, band aids and much more such supplies.

We purchased the materials for seven "care kits," one for each member of my family, including my two little nephews, who helped us shop.

I remember my mother pulling my two nephews aside, an eight and five year old, trying to explain to them what had happened and how people over there need our help.

How could she explain it? How could she get it through to them that what was being shown on the news was more than a disaster movie, but real life?

I didn't know how to respond when my five-year-old nephew stated knowingly as we raided The Family Dollar of their toiletry items, "A lot of people died over there. They need hair combs! Can I give them my Transformer?"

I'm not sure of the amount that the United States has earmarked to help the tsunami victims now, but we had pledged 35 million dollars last December, not including military aid and private donations. Since then, our government has adopted a plan in order to provide aid more long-term.

In the election this year, Americans showed major concern for our economy. Here in the United States we have some major problems, including poverty, gang violence, homeless people, drug addiction. Many Americans don't have health insurance, and social security is running out.

Despite all of this, we care about people dying across the world. Not many other

countries are looking out for others as much, if not more, than they look out for themselves.

That said, America has critics all over the world who love to break apart and analyze her foreign policy as heartless and misguided. While they admit that Americans seem to want to help people, they ask whether this responsibility stems from religion, compassion or a more politically correct version of the "white man's burden."

Others say that the American government was actually 'stingy,' considering that billions of dollars will be needed over the next 10 to 20 years, but I'm more concerned with the reactions that I witnessed personally as an American.

People cared. Doctors and nurses took sick leave in order to help out, middle class Americans pledged to sponsor children and send "care kits," while our five-year-olds offer to part with their favorite toys.

I'm holding on to America's compassion for the victims of the tsunami for dear life. It reminds me that we are a country of compassionate people.

With all of the situations our country is in right now, I need a reminder of the goodness and compassion in our country, and our government.

Partisan politics have never more polarizing and bitter. Protestors have never been more vocal and mean-hearted. Our foreign policy, right or wrong, has never been bloodier.

I'm only a young woman with a lot of life to live ahead of me, so it's mighty scary if one contemplates what our world is going to come to in the years to come.

Yet, I'm grateful that I live in a country that values the oppressed, and is generous enough to demand relief work of our government.

I wish the tsunami had not happened, as we all do, but am exceedingly grateful that Americans stepped up to the plate and did what was clearly the right thing to do.

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Abortion: America's wedge issue

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Imagine losing your pregnancy and being forced to weigh and determine the sex of your miscarried baby, as well as report it to the police within 12 hours. Imagine, now, that failure to do so would be the criminal equivalent of stalking, arson and statutory rape.

This is not the product of an overactive pro-choice imagination, but the substance of a recently proposed — and swiftly withdrawn — bill in the Virginia Legislature that would have compelled that all "products of conception" regardless of gestational age be reported to the police under the penalty of fines and jail time.

With countless pregnancies spontaneously aborting within the first few weeks, this bill, if passed, would have made every sexually active Virginia woman a potential outlaw.

Thirty-two years after Roe v. Wade, abortion opponents have become increasingly virulent, eager to promote their so-called "culture of life" at the expense of born, fully-formed women. Indeed, of all the Orwellian phrases coined by the Bush administration, "culture of life" has emerged at the top of the heap.

One would think that with such glistening sentiments at the forefront of White House policy, the United States would be experiencing a renaissance of environmental protection, civil rights, educational standards and peaceful, prudent foreign policy.

The GOP continues to warp the discourse so that a handful of polarizing issues overshadow the broader moral challenges of war, poverty, and health care.

The result? In the voting

booth, supposed morality trumps domestic policy. Reproductive rights appears to be more controversial than the death of thousands in Iraq and the specter of American soldiers pinned down in an endless quagmire.

Moral myopia has gripped America, and the "all-or-nothing" rhetoric of both sides, coupled with the subsequent political pandering, is largely to blame.

Those who identify as pro-choice or as progressive and pro-life were not surprised to learn that abortion rates actually rose under the ostensibly pro-life Bush administration. For these Americans, life does not begin at conception and end at birth.

Why, then, does the "pro-life" movement focus solely on the criminalization of abortion, ignoring poverty, health care and scientific sex education?

In addition to fostering hostile socioeconomic conditions, hijacking public health initiatives is another way for conservatives to dole out their "pro-life" plunder. Bush has flat-funded Title X, which subsidizes birth control for poor women.

Over-the-counter emergency contraception, which could dramatically slash the number of abortions if made widely available, has yet to be approved by the FDA.

Bush continues to heap money on abstinence-only sex education programs, which ignore the role of contraceptives in preventing pregnancy and STDs. A recent study by Advocates for Youth and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte reveals that teens in America have birth rates eleven times higher and abortion rates eight times higher than that of

the Netherlands.

Instead of turning to Europe for a model to improve sexual health, anti-abortion politicians continue appealing their base with empty rhetoric. Bush, for example, proudly touts a supposed "culture of life" while planning decidedly anti-life policies, such as the implementation of a regressive tax code paired with social spending cuts.

Additionally, Bush decries abortion in all cases except for rape and incest. While this certainly appears compassionate, it is ethical gobbledegook — is it life that he is advocating,

or government-approved methods of conception?

Why does such hypocrisy go over so well with so many?

Sexual politics. This is all it has ever come down to. Fear of the black man and the gay man for their alleged promiscuity. Fear of the French for their supposed effeminacy and sexual decadence.

Fear of the "liberals" taking away our favorite phallus substitutes — guns and large automobiles.

And finally, fear of women who have abortions, as their wantonness might tear at the moral fabric of American society. They must be forced to pay for their sexuality through the denial of bodily sovereignty.

Of course, there are those with legitimate moral concerns about abortion who should not be tarred with this brush. Reducing the incidence of unwanted pregnancy should serve as the common public health goal for reasonable people on either side of the ideological divide.

How ironic that the best way to pursue pro-life policies in the full meaning of the phrase is to abort Bush's political ambitions in the second term.

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Get involved in the political game

The election season is over, the people voted and the 2005 Presidential Inauguration is now complete. For better or for worse, George W. Bush is President for the next four years. Naysayers can argue until they're hoarse whether or not the playing field was fair, but it is Game Over... right?

Wrong. After several frenzied months of incessant media coverage, prepackaged sound bites for the undecided and adrenaline packed rallies for the diehards, the political season seems over. But, football teams don't hibernate after the Super Bowl until the leaves start falling and the season begins again the next fall. A lot goes on behind the scenes that the casual fan doesn't notice. The players hit the weight room and the playbooks.

Just like our favorite sports, politics goes on even when most of us stop tuning in. Policies are argued and voted on and enacted. New and old political players interact to shape the country and the perceived success of their decisions affect whether or not they win at the polls the next election season. The only difference being there is a lot more at stake in government and the way policies affect our lives. For most politicians, staying in power is the aim of the game, so they must build an image that makes their actions appear successful at all costs.

The problem lies in the fact that political issues are a lot more complicated than the 15 second talking points that candidates throw around. Most of the issues are three-dimensional and require voters to have a firm grasp on political institutions, political motivations and societal consequences.

From the beginning of the United States at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 there was enormous controversy on how much of a voice the people should have in electing a president. Many did not trust the people with what they considered the formidable task of electing the nation's leader. Alexander Hamilton



AMANDA HOOPER

Opinion Columnist

wrote in the Federalist 68 for the creation of our modern voting system and the Electoral College to provide an obstacle to "cabal, intrigue, and corruption" in the selection of the president. He had faith that the American people should have this role in the process to prevent unscrupulous elites from abusing power. The people should choose.

Every four years youth are bombarded with "Get out the Vote" campaigns and glamorous celebrities telling us to "Choose or Lose." But, what if we don't really know what we are choosing? Despite the fact that this 2004 election was highly controversial, 18-29 year olds made up 17 percent of the electorate, exactly the same percentage as 2000.

Perhaps this is simply the number threshold of students who are willing to take the time to (hopefully) research and cast an informed vote. Is it better to make an uninformed vote for the sake of voting or to simply leave the decisions to those who are responsible enough to research and assess the issues critically?

Ideally, college students would embrace the privilege of voting and enthusiastically take on the responsibility. For each of us, that responsibility starts now.

Politics is a high stakes game where many of powerful people have a lot to lose, but the American people also have a lot to lose by not recognizing the truth behind the smoke and mirrors politicians create. We need to know the rules and the penalties to understand when the game is being played fairly.

We can all recall the 80's movie classic when the wise-beyond-his-years Ferris Bueller said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once awhile, you could miss it." Start looking around now, and stop sitting ignorantly and passively on the sidelines.

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Mapping out a plan for Bush's second term

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On Thursday, we celebrated a grand tradition in this country with George W. Bush's second inauguration, as all the pomp and pageantry came together in an effort to send the president on his way to the next four years in office.

More than 57 million of the people who voted in last November's election hoped Jan. 20 would have been different. They, myself included, hoped that Thursday would mark the dawn of a Kerry administration and the beginning of a new era in the nation's capitol as Bush was sent back to Texas.

Of course, things didn't turn out that way. Now, we're left with an administration's policy reaffirmed, the Republican Party firmly in control and a nation that seems as divided as ever.

Yet, I'm hopeful. In his second term, Bush has the chance to properly finish initiatives he started and to begin work on his legacy — things that could

make for an entirely different administration.

The goals I would give Bush in his upcoming term are simple ones that most people can agree with. Bush's second term to-do list needs to include a renewed drive for compassion in America, an endeavor to rebuild alliances around the globe, a return to the issues that matter most and a concentrated effort to focus on posterity.

In his inaugural address on Thursday, Bush said, "Our country must abandon all the habits of racism because we cannot carry the message of freedom and the baggage of bigotry at the same time." And I couldn't agree more.

For the United States to continue as a moral authority in the world, we must end the scourge of racism.

But it can't stop there. Bush must end his party's politics of division and hatred, and Republicans must stop using gay marriage as a means of getting voters to the polls. Homosexuals are Americans and tax paying citizens just like everyone else — they certainly don't deserve to be treated like second-class citizens. Other minorities also warrant the administration's attention and

respect. Therefore, Bush must use compassion in his second term, reaching out across party, class and cultural lines.

A second goal for Bush should be to rebuild traditional alliances worldwide. The bonds of friendship between the U.S. and France, Germany and a great deal of Europe were strained by the war in Iraq.

While we were able to prosecute the war in the early stages with little help outside of Great Britain, it has become painfully clear in the post-war occupation that we need help from our allies.

For peace to succeed in Iraq and in the world at large, the U.S. will need cooperation from as many countries as possible. To win back our allies, the Bush administration must be able to convince the world community that the country is still committed to the ideals of peace and diplomacy — an unenviable task to be sure.

Another top goal for President Bush should be a swift return to the country's business. With campaigns growing longer each election cycle, most of 2004 and even parts of 2003 were devoted solely to achieving electoral victory. Now that the president has been re-elected,

we need to go back to the pressing needs of this country. Social Security — supposedly a top presidential priority — does need work, but we need an honest debate on the problem, not a privatization plan pushed down our throats.

Education funding, health-care reform and a comprehensive plan on Iraq are also areas that need the president's immediate attention.

Above all, the president needs to focus on his legacy. Just because he was re-elected does not insure favorable grades on history's report card. Take Ulysses S. Grant, for example. The savior of the Union during the Civil War was elected president and then given a second term.

Yet many historians view his presidency as largely a failure, one marked with scandal and inefficiency. Will George W. Bush be able to avoid the same fate? Ask my great-grandchildren in about 80 years or so.

Will this second term be any different than the first? Will Bush be able to reach across party lines to solve the problems that this country faces? I don't know.

Coffee and caffeine: the guilty indulgence

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I am a coffee fiend. There, I said it. I am a fiend for coffee.

There, I said it again. Fiend. Coffee. Fiend. Fiend. Fiend. I've worked in coffee shop bookstores. I've picked beans in Kona. I've worked in organic certification. "We don't sell a foul-tasting brown beverage," my boss used to say. "We sell a legal drug."

Oh, caffeine! Oh, coffee! Oh, nectar of the grad student who thinks Mountain Dew looks disturbingly like radioactive piss! Oh, choice of the sleep-deprived who distrust Pepsi, Coke and Corporate Greed!

I like cowboy coffee with grounds still swirling in the milk. I like double soy coconut lattes in uptown cafes.

I like small round ceramic mugs with stale warm coffee served by women with hairnets in diners. I like the thick-as-pitch-ferocious-steam cups at the bakery in my old hometown. I like hangover coffee and potatoes at breakfast joints.

I like the stuff.

But lately, I've been feeling guilty. Every time I get a coffee to go (anytime I have class before 10 am), I wind up with a Styrofoam cup and a cardboard insulator and a little wooden stir stick. I finish my joe, and the Styrofoam cup and the cardboard insulator and the little wooden stir stick all wind up in the trash. And the trash all winds up in the landfills.

And the landfills already have enough Styrofoam cups and cardboard insulators and little wooden stir sticks in them. The landfills already take up enough precious space. And, suddenly, I am contributing unnecessarily to this mess. It's awful.

Fortunately for my conscience and my coffee habit, the vicious cycle ended. I was given a new travel mug for Christmas. I am back to my old ways, this time with a stylish silver accessory instead of a heap of trash.

It's good to be back.

Mornings aren't the same without it. Mid-mornings aren't the same without it. Late mornings aren't the same without it. Afternoons and evenings aren't the same without it.

Actually, I try to limit myself to one cup a day, but

sometimes I am overtaken by the all-night-project gnomes and their caffeine-pushing minions.

I told you I was a fiend for the stuff.

Oh sure, you can treat coffee like soda. You can treat it like a meaningless commodity, a means to an eye-opening end. You can go to Starbucks if pacts with the coffee devil are your thing. I've done it, too. There are mornings when Starbucks seems inevitable.

Supporting things you do not believe in is not inevitable. There are plenty of independently-owned cafes in this town. I believe we change the world every day. I smile at people. I take my time. I tip the barista. I can't take any more coffee guilt.

I bring my own mug.

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"Is Georgie Porgie (of pudding and pie) A Sexual Harasser?: Current Thoughts on Understanding Sexual Harassment"

Dr. Sandler's presentation will provide examples of harassing conduct, including peer harassment, and discuss appropriate individual and institutional responses. (Attendance at this session will satisfy BGSU's sexual harassment training requirement.)

Audience: BGSU & Community
Where: BTSU, MP Rm. 228
Time: 10:30 am - 12 Noon

"We've Come A Long Way, Baby, But Not Quite Far Enough: Progress and Problems of Women in Higher Education"

How men and women are often (and inadvertently) treated differently in the classroom and in the workplace. Dr. Sandler will present individual and institutional intervention strategies for assuring equity for students, faculty, staff, supervisors/managers, academic chairs, and administrative directors.

Audience: BGSU & Community
Where: Education Bldg, Rm. 115
Time: 2:30 pm - 4:15 pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2005

"Warming Up the Chilly Climate" (part 1)
A workshop evaluating how male and female faculty, often, inadvertently, treat their female and male students differently. Dr. Sandler will present effective teaching strategies for assuring equity in the college classroom. Pizza lunch provided. (Please RSVP to Kris at 2-0325)

Audience: BGSU Faculty
Where: CTLT - 201 U Hall
Time: 12:30 pm - 2:20 pm

"Warming Up the Chilly Climate" (part 2)
A discussion on how male and female teachers in the K-12 classroom often, inadvertently, treat boys and girls differently. Dr. Sandler will present effective teaching strategies for assuring equity in the classroom and discuss the exploding problem of peer harassment.

Audience: Pre-Service Teachers
Where: Education Bldg, Rm. 115
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Christina M. McVay is a distinguished Lecturer for the Departments of English, Pan-African Studies, and the Freshman Honors Colloquia at Kent State University. She earned graduate degrees in German and Comparative Literature from Kent State. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Bonn, Germany. Additionally, she has received numerous academic and teaching honors throughout her 15 year career at Kent State. The honors include: the Honors College Alumni Council "Gold Slip" Award, the Distinguished Honors Faculty Award, the NTT Performance-Based Bonus Award, and the Outstanding Faculty Member Award from the KSU Black United Students organization. She also received from Ohio Magazine the "Excellence in Education Award" for her achievements and dedication to teaching.



Christina M. McVay

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Dr. Samuel H. Hancock is the Assistant to the President for Institutional Diversity and Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Medicine at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo. He is a national consultant specializing in developing cultural competence. He has published several articles on cultural competence and managing diversity, and has conducted professional training programs for audiences across the nation.

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SIDEKICK ED MCMAHON REMEMBERS CARSON

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Carson, so public each night on "The Tonight Show," was intensely private off screen. But former sidekick Ed McMahon knows why Americans still felt close to him. "When you tuned in, you got what you were looking for," McMahon told The Associated Press on Monday.

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Protestors march on Roe v. Wade decision anniversary

By Laurie Kellman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Abortion protesters marched through chilly Washington yesterday emboldened by Republican election gains they said gave new momentum to their 32-year fight to overturn Roe v. Wade. President Bush told them by phone, "This movement will not fail."

Protest leaders said stronger Republican majorities in both houses of Congress and Bush's re-election reflect the public's support for more restrictions on abortion. Chief Justice William Rehnquist's battle with thyroid cancer injected a sense of urgency into this year's demonstrations, nearly guaranteeing one retirement on the high court during Bush's second term.

For his part, Bush played cheerleader in chief at a rally

before the march, telling tens of thousands of anti-abortion protesters on the Ellipse that their approach to the debate this year would "change hearts and minds" of those still favoring abortion rights.

"This is the path of the culture of life that we seek for our country," Bush said by phone from Camp David, Md.

Every anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, prompts demonstrations by opponents and supporters of abortion rights. Activists on both sides of the issue marched in demonstrations across the country Saturday, the actual anniversary of the Jan. 22 decision.

"This is the path of the culture of life that we seek for our country."

GEORGE W. BUSH,
PRESIDENT

As they marched past bleachers left over from Bush's inauguration, many abortion-rights opponents said they drew new confidence from the nation's decision to re-elect Bush, who opposes abortion in most cases, and to broaden the Republican majority in Congress.

David O'Steen, executive director of the National Right to Life Committee, said the Nov. 2 election shows the Supreme Court is out of step with the electorate on the issue. He said he was cautiously optimistic that the confluence of election results and Rehnquist's likely retirement, though Rehnquist is an abortion-rights foe, would

move the high court in abortion-opponents' favor.

Separately yesterday, the Supreme Court struck on a more modest level on the side of abortion-rights supporters.

First, the justices let stand a lower-court ruling that said South Carolina's license plates, which bear the slogan "Choose Life," violate the First Amendment because abortion-rights supporters weren't given a similar forum to express their beliefs.

The court also refused yesterday to keep a severely brain-damaged woman, Terri Schiavo, hooked to a feeding tube - all but ending a long-running right-to-die battle pitting her husband against her parents.

At the Ellipse, with anti-abortion marchers, Schiavo's father, Robert Schindler, called the decision "judicial homicide."



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PRO-LIFE PROTEST: People participate in the annual March for Life to protest the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

Bill Gates' foundation donates \$750 million towards vaccines

By Donna Gordon Blankinship
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE - The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced yesterday it is donating \$750 million to support immunization programs in developing countries.

The 10-year grant to the

Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization will be used to buy and distribute vaccines for diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, tuberculosis, polio, hepatitis B and yellow fever.

It is also expected to encourage vaccine companies to

continue developing and producing medicines for illnesses that have been all but eliminated in more developed nations, said Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, who created the foundation five years ago with his wife.

"We need to make it make sense for these firms to take

resources they would put on rich world diseases and put them on developing country diseases," Gates said.

The Gates Foundation is the largest donor to the global alliance, with grants totaling \$1.5 billion.

"These large contributions will

help save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and prevent immense suffering and disability over the coming years," said Dr. Lee Jong-wook, chairman of the alliance and director general of the World Health Organization.

About 2 million people die

each year of infectious diseases that could have been prevented through basic vaccinations, he said.

The Gates Foundation is one of the world's major philanthropic organizations. Last year, it gave \$82.9 million to help develop tuberculosis vaccines.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Twenty-three terror suspects tried to hang or strangle themselves at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay during a mass protest in 2003, the military confirmed yesterday. The incidents came during the same year the camp suffered a rash of suicide attempts.

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WORLD

UN commemorates holocaust tragedy

By Nick Wadhams
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — With calls of "never again," the U.N. General Assembly commemorated the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps with a special session yesterday, a stark change for a body that has been reluctant to address the extermination of the Jews during World War II.

Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, a Nobel peace prize winner, joined world leaders in confronting a question that has long haunted the United Nations: whether its member states have the will to stop future genocide. With mass atrocities in Sudan's Darfur region, the question took on new poignancy.

"The Jewish witness that I am speaks of my people's suffering as a warning," Wiesel told the General Assembly. "He sounds the alarm to prevent these tragedies from being done to others. And yes, I am convinced if the world had listened to those of us who tried to speak we may have prevented Darfur, Cambodia, Bosnia, and naturally Rwanda."

There were subtle reflections of a changed stance at the United Nations, where efforts to condemn anti-Semitism and commemorate the liberation of the camps had been blocked for years by the Soviet Union. In 2003, Ireland withdrew a General Assembly resolution condemning anti-Semitism because of Muslim and Arab opposition.

In his remarks yesterday, Secretary-General Kofi Annan

made a rare reference by a U.N. chief to the Holocaust by name before the General Assembly. Later yesterday, a photography exhibit opened at U.N. headquarters featuring images from the death camps, the first time an exhibit about the Holocaust is being shown at the United Nations.

"We must be on the watch for any revival of anti-Semitism, and ready to act against the new forms of it that are appearing today," Annan said. "That obligation binds us not only to the Jewish people, but to all others that have been, or may be, threatened with a similar fate."

But just one Middle East country — Jordan — delivered a speech commemorating the liberation of the camps. While 138 nations including several Arab ones had said they supported the commemoration, few attended the commemoration.

Late last year, U.S. Ambassador John Danforth requested a commemorative session on Jan. 24, three days before a similar event in the former Auschwitz death camp in Poland to mark its liberation by Soviet troops on Jan. 27, 1945.

Between 1 million and 1.5 million prisoners — most of them Jews — perished in gas chambers or died of starvation and disease at Auschwitz. Overall, 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz appeared to make a veiled reference to Iraq during his speech, saying that though

leaders had agreed to set aside politics for the commemoration, they must do so with "a unanimous resolve to give real meaning to those words 'never forget.'"

"Last Thursday, as he began his second term in office, President George Bush expressed his belief that our nation's interests cannot be separated from the aspirations of others to be free from tyranny and oppression," Wolfowitz said.

Speaker including Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom and Russia's commissioner for human rights, Vladimir Lukin, warned against a rise in anti-Semitism around the world.

Shalom pointed to the strength of movements denying the Holocaust, asking if there was anything worse than the destruction of an entire race.

"There is something worse: to do all this and then deny, to do all this and then take from the victims and their children and grandchildren the legitimacy of their grief," he said.

The United Nations was created in the wake of World War II. It voted soon after, in 1947, to carve out two countries in Palestine, one Jewish, the other Arab, but the Palestinians' share was lost in the 1948 Mideast war with parts divided up among Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

"We have not learned one iota," said Josephine Prinse, a Holocaust survivor who still bears the prison number tattooed on her arm by the Nazis. "We talk. Do you see the results? They are still killing people in Darfur."



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HOLOCAUST: This picture released by Yad Vashem Photo Archives shows Jews from Carpatho-Ruthenia.

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BG SPORTS

BRIEFING

Clarett set to play in college All-Star game

Maurice Clarett hasn't played a football game in more than two years. Apparently, he still qualifies as an all-star.

Clarett, the former Ohio State running back, will join seven other NFL prospects in the College Football All-Star Challenge. The field also features 2003 Heisman Trophy winner Jason White, Michigan star receiver Braylon Edwards and California quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Auburn's Carnell Williams, Georgia quarterback David Greene, Oklahoma receiver Mark Clayton and Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton round out the competition.

The eight players will be put through tests measuring agility, accuracy, speed and strength. Former participants include Donovan McNabb, Daunte Culpepper and Edgerrin James.

The challenge takes place Jan. 31 at Dolphins Stadium in Miami and will air Feb. 5 on FOX.

Gymnastic team falls to Central Michigan

By Jessica Ameling
SPORTS EDITOR

The BG women's gymnastics team suffered a 190.900-194.675 loss to Central Michigan on Sunday, which dropped them to 1-1 in the MAC.

Assistant coach Kerrie Beach said the loss can be chalked up to a very tough week in the gym.

"We trained really hard this week," Beach said. "At the beginning of the season, you have to do that if you want to peak at the end of the season. We went into the meet mentally strong, but it was just the tough week of training that was more to blame than anything else."

Despite the loss, the Falcons can walk away with a few highlights that include some stellar individual performances and a very strong team showing on the floor exercise.

"I feel like we had a few very strong personal performances, but overall as a team, we know we can do better than that," Beach said.

Junior Jessica Guyer led the Falcons with team high scores on the vault, balance beam and floor exercise. She scored a 9.700 on the vault, placing her fourth. Her 9.750 on the beam was good enough for third place. Finally, her 9.875 on the floor exercise was the highest score of the day for the Falcons and placed her second overall.

When senior Breanne Metzger had to pull out of her final two events due to illness, sophomore Bethany Kenel was called upon to fill in.

Kenel responded to the pressure by posting a 9.800 on the floor exercise. Her 9.550 on the beam was also the second

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Tennis wins two this weekend

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS EDITOR

It was an eventful weekend for the Bowling Green tennis team as they opened the spring portion of their season, hosting two events at the Shadow Valley Tennis Club in Toledo.

They opened the weekend by walking all over Wright State in a 6-1 win Saturday and finished it out by winning their last match Sunday to take home a 4-3 victory over Youngstown State.

The Falcons were tied with the Penguins Saturday and the deciding matchup between BG's Andrea Meister, and Youngstown's Emily Thayer was won 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 by Meister.

"She was fantastic," BG coach Penny Dean said. "She kept cool

and was very determined. But I felt confident she would pull it out. It was a lot of pressure, and she responded well."

But for the Falcons, the weekend wasn't a total success. While they did win, they didn't necessarily play to their full potential.

"It's successful in that we won both matches," Dean said. "The first day we played an easier team and fought hard and the second day we didn't fight as hard."

But against the Penguins, Dean decided to sit senior Susie Schoenberger in order to get some new faces in the rotation.

That, and the fact that BG was in only their second day of play this season may have been

the reason BG had such a difficult time with the Penguins.

But Dean sees it from a different perspective.

"Even if it was the second day for us, it was also the second day for them," she said. "And we have to work on that."

Even if the Falcons didn't play their best tennis of their lives, they did have some solid performances.

In singles competition, Ashley Jakupcin dominated the top flights. She won the second flight 6-0, 6-3 Saturday and the top flight against YSU's Karen Najbert 6-1, 6-3 to finish the weekend 2-0.

"She played well on singles both days," Dean said. "She played some really decent play-

ers and just took it to them."

But BG knew coming into the weekend they would be playing more as a team because their duel match season was starting. This was evident when the Falcons teamed up for doubles matches.

The Falcons won all of their doubles matches on the weekend, something that hasn't happened in quite some time for the team.

"I was very pleased about the doubles matches," Dean said. "I'm not sure, but I'll be it's been four to six years since we've took eight of eight doubles in two days."

For BG, it may not have been their best weekend, but it was still pretty good.



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SOLID SHOT: Susie Schoenberger hits a shot at the BG Invite in the fall. Schoenberger and the Falcons won two matches this weekend.

Hockey has trouble with NMU

By Kevin Shields
SENIOR REPORTER

It was expected to be a low scoring weekend in Marquette, Mich., but Northern Michigan managed to get seven shots past Bowling Green's Jordan Sigalet to earn a 3-1, 4-2 sweep over the Falcons in a battle for fourth place in the league at the Berry Events Center.

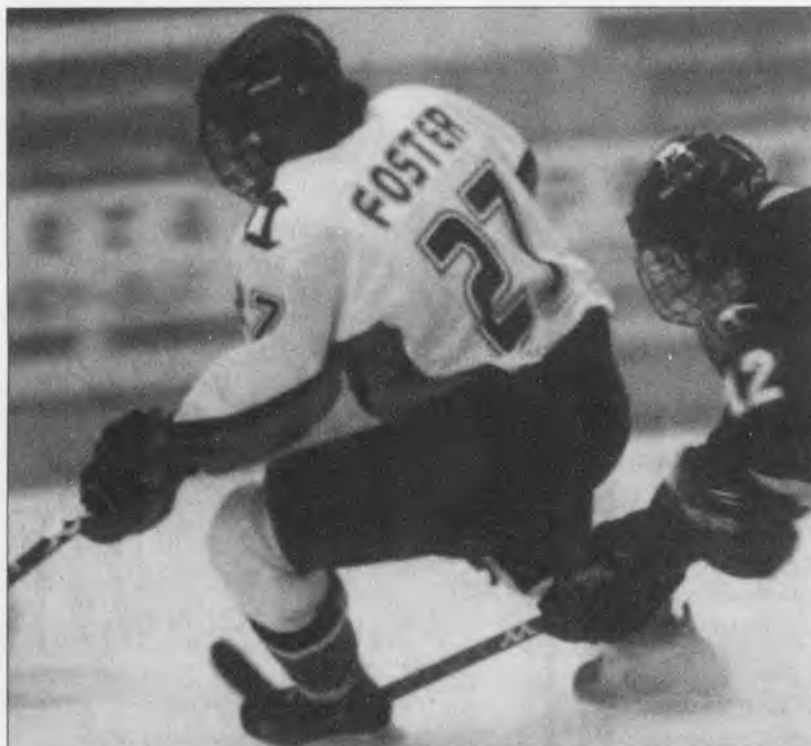
Tuomas Tarkki made 51 saves on 54 shots for the Wildcats on the weekend as he held the Falcons, who averaged 3.3 goals a game coming in to just three goals all weekend. The games brought his ranked third nationally goals against average of 1.82 to 1.79.

Sigalet countered Tarkki on the weekend, making 58 saves on 65 shots to keep the Falcons close in each game.

The BG power-play, which came in ranked 10th nationally at 21 percent, only managed one extra-man goal on 15 opportunities. Northern's sixth ranked penalty-kill killed off all nine of the Falcons' power-plays on Friday and 5-of-6 power-plays on Saturday, as special teams proved to be big in another weekend series this season.

The Falcons had four power-plays in the first period on Friday to open the weekend, but couldn't manage to find the net, only getting a total of four shots off.

Andrew Contois gave Northern an early 1-0 lead just 9:53 into the first on a pass from Mike Santorelli that found its way past Sigalet. Northern took



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FULL SPEED: Bowling Green's Alex Foster skates up ice against Alaska-Fairbanks earlier this season. Foster and the Falcons dropped two to Northern Michigan this weekend.

a 1-0 lead into the first intermission despite the Falcons out-shooting them 12-10.

Santorelli then found the net just 30 seconds into Northern's first power-play at 9:48 of the second period to give the Wildcats a 2-0 lead.

Despite being out-shot 26-18

through the first two periods, the Falcons came out and put up 15 shots in the third.

Finally, with just 9:58 remaining, Mike Falk brought the game to 2-1 on his fourth goal of the season. Alex Foster got his 12th assist of the year on the play by Falk.

Contois then added his second goal of the night with just 4:13 left to clinch a 3-1 win for Northern.

The Wildcats' power-play was 1-of-5 on then night, as they out-shot BG 35-33 and got 32

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Philly not ready to celebrate

By Barry Wilner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The celebrations hardly were muted in Philadelphia.

Fans stood atop snow banks on Broad Street, waving Eagles banners and hats. Cars honked their horns late into the evening. Toasts were raised to Donovan McNabb, Brian Dawkins, Andy Reid — even to Swoop the Philly mascot.

For the first time in 24 years, the Eagles are NFC champions.

It's not nearly enough.

"There were some tears of joy, definitely," All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins said yesterday, looking back at the locker room scene following Sunday's 27-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. After three straight title game flops, the Eagles were headed for the Super Bowl.

"It's something we worked for a long time and went through a lot of bad situations — 1-2-3 of losing — so that comes flowing out," Dawkins said. "After the tears have ceased, we're ready for the next step. This wasn't our Super Bowl. We didn't approach it like it was our Super Bowl."

And they won't approach the next two weeks as anything but business.

"We didn't do what we set out to do yet," Dawkins said. "I have a lot of confidence we'll win."

Beating the defending

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Afterthought turned ace re-signs with Cleveland



Mark Duncan BG News

WELCOME BACK: Cleveland pitcher Jake Westbrook pitches against Tampa Bay this season. Westbrook signed a two-year contract with the Indians yesterday, avoiding salary arbitration.

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jake Westbrook quickly went from emergency starter to Cleveland's ace.

Westbrook, who became an All-Star and won a team-high 14 games last season after switching from the bullpen, agreed to a \$7.5 million, two-year contract with the Indians yesterday and avoided salary arbitration.

The 27-year-old Westbrook began 2004 as the Indians' long reliever before an injury to Jason Stanford thrust the right-hander into the starting rotation. He responded by going 14-9 with a 3.38 ERA in 30 starts, surprising the club and himself.

"It's very satisfying," Westbrook said. "Hopefully, I can duplicate it — if not do better. The best part of last year was that it showed me what I can do. I got real confident."

While C.C. Sabathia struggled and youngsters Cliff Lee and Jason Davis had ERAs

over 5.00, Westbrook was a model of consistency from late April on. He finished with five complete games, tying for the league lead.

Cleveland never expected that type of season from Westbrook, who pitched well enough in spring training to earn a starting spot. However, his versatility as a reliever was more of a priority for the club.

Westbrook's season took a sudden turn on April 19 when he pitched seven perfect innings in relief of Jeff D'Amico following a rain delay. Six days later, Stanford's injury gave Westbrook his first start and he made the most of it, tossing a complete game in a 3-2 win over the Detroit Tigers.

During a three-game span that month, Westbrook retired 27 straight batters, the equivalent of a nine-inning perfect game.

"That's my own little stat right there," he said proudly.

Westbrook went 0-3 over a span of six starts from June 19 to

July 15, but he bounced back by winning five straight decisions. He finished third in the league in ERA, the first Cleveland pitcher that high since Charles Nagy in 1996.

Indians manager Eric Wedge was most impressed by Westbrook's quiet confidence. He wasn't discouraged by not opening the season as a starter, and when his chance came to shine, Westbrook did.

"He had a silent resolve all year," Wedge said. "Once he came in, he wasn't going to let [starting] go and that was good to see. He ran with it."

With Westbrook, Sabathia, Lee and newly-signed Kevin Millwood, the Indians think they have a starting nucleus capable of keeping them in contention in the AL Central. Cleveland's bullpen will have to be better, though.

Westbrook thinks a little internal competition can be healthy.

"I think we're going to feed off

each other," said Westbrook, who is unconcerned about where he fits in the order. "I think that will help us a lot. C.C.'s still our ace. It doesn't matter where I pitch."

Westbrook was the last of three Indians players eligible for arbitration. David Riske and Casey Blake agreed to contracts last week.

Westbrook joined the Indians in 2000 in a trade from the New York Yankees. He is 26-28 with a 4.37 ERA in 64 career starts.

His contract calls for a \$2.9 million salary this year and \$4.25 million in 2006. Cleveland has a \$5.6 million option for 2007 with a \$350,000 buyout, and the option price would rise to \$5.8 million if he pitches 200 innings in 2006 and to \$6.1 million if he pitches 210 innings that year. In addition, the buyout would go up to \$600,000 if he pitches 180 innings this season.

There are additional escalators if he finishes among the top five in Cy Young Award voting.

Only a ring will satisfy Eagles

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champion New England Patriots, winners of two of the last three NFL crowns, will take the very best the Eagles have to offer. But they won't bring their full complement offensively. Tight end Chad Lewis, who caught two touchdown passes against Atlanta, is out with a foot injury. And star receiver Terrell Owens, their offensive spark plug, is uncertain because of an ankle injury that has kept him sidelined since Game 14.

What they will bring, the players swear, is the right attitude. No way will they fall into the trap of premature satisfaction that hurt past Super Bowl teams such as the 1998 Falcons, 1994

Chargers and 1985 Patriots. Those clubs were happy to be there, and they got routed by superior opponents. New England might be the superior team this time — it's favored by seven points — but the Eagles promise they will give it their all.

No awe at the surroundings and no worshipping at the Patriots' shrine.

"The ultimate goal is obviously the Super Bowl," McNabb said. "Then we can come back and celebrate in a parade on Broad Street."

"We're excited about this win and the city having that confident feeling back. It's a great feeling to have the opportunity to move to the Super Bowl. When it comes down to it, hey, it's one

more game. Let's go win it."

The only other team with such a long gap between Super Bowl appearances was Green Bay. The Packers won the first two Super Bowls, then didn't return until January 1997, when they beat the Patriots.

Eagles coach Andy Reid was an assistant to Mike Holmgren with those Packers. He still has his notes from that postseason, but he hadn't looked at them again until Monday.

"It's a little different sitting there as head coach, but it still is a great feeling," said Reid, hired by the Eagles in 1999. "Part of you is excited, another part of you understands you're not through. There's another game against a great football team and

you want to get yourself right in preparation for that team."

The Eagles lost 27-10 to the Raiders in their only Super Bowl trip. The Raiders broke a 19-year Super Bowl drought two seasons back, but they were routed by Tampa Bay in the big game.

McNabb was there. He's been to the last five Super Bowls, and he hasn't exactly enjoyed them.

"It's frustrating, because every conversation is: 'I expected you guys to be here,'" McNabb said. "Well I did, too."

"Now we can go down there and have all our people smiling and you're happy you're there. But playing the game is something different. It's keeping that business mind-set of going out and winning the game."



Ed Reinke AP Photo

TUBBY BALL: Kentucky coach Tubby Smith uses an expansive gesture to urge his team in a win against LSU Saturday. Smith and the Wildcats were No. 7 in this week's AP poll.

Illinois almost a unanimous no. 1

By Jim O'Connell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illinois is No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for an eighth consecutive week, earning all but one first-place vote. That ballot was cast for the new No. 2 team: Duke.

The Blue Devils (15-0) moved up two spots to second, replacing Kansas (14-1), which dropped to sixth following its 83-62 loss at Villanova on Saturday. The Jayhawks fell below No. 2 for the first time this season.

The Illini (19-0) received all but one of the 72 first-place votes from the national media panel yesterday. The last unanimous No. 1 was Duke, which did it nine times in a 10-week span in 2001-02.

The Blue Devils have reached No. 1 for seven straight seasons. Should Duke unseat Illinois and extend that streak to eight, it would still be four behind UCLA's record that started in 1963. Duke received 1,704 points, 95 behind Illinois and 130 more than North Carolina, which jumped from sixth to third.

Utah (16-3) was the lone newcomer to the poll this week, moving in at No. 25 and replacing Marquette, which lost

two games last week.

Illinois, which beat Iowa at home in overtime in its only game last week, will play at No. 18 Wisconsin on Tuesday night. The Badgers (13-3) have the nation's longest home winning streak at 38 games. That is one of six games involving two ranked teams this week.

Syracuse moved from seventh to fourth, one spot in front of Wake Forest, which fell two places following its overtime loss at Florida State.

Kansas was No. 1 in the pre-season poll and the first Top 25 of the regular season, then was No. 2 for nine straight weeks.

Kentucky was seventh, while Boston College (16-0), the only other unbeaten in Division I beside Illinois and Duke, was eighth, up one place from last week.

Oklahoma State, which lost at Texas early last week, dropped four spots to No. 9. Washington was 10th for the second straight week, the Huskies' first appearances in the Top Ten since December 1984.

Arizona led the second 10 and was followed by Louisville, Oklahoma, Alabama, Michigan State, Texas, Gonzaga, Wisconsin, Connecticut and Pittsburgh.

Power play conversions the difference in BG losses

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big saves out of Tarkki.

"Both teams worked extremely hard," head coach Scott Paluch said. "We just didn't convert any power-play chances. I thought their penalty kill was the key to the game. Going 0-for-9 on the power play was a big factor."

"They took away the shooting lanes, and when we did break them down their goalie was outstanding," he added.

On Saturday, the Wildcats again took a 2-0 lead by scoring a goal in each of the first two periods.

BG would battle back in the third to tie the game at 2-2, but a power-play goal by Pat Bateman at 14:08 of the period to give Northern a 3-2 lead proved to be the game-winner.

Northern out-shot BG 9-8 in the first period; however the Falcons would out-shoot Northern on the

night 31-30.

Santorelli gave the Wildcats a 1-0 lead just 5:36 into the game and it would be increased to 2-0 on a power-play goal by Jamie Milam at 9:19 in the second period.

Michael Hodgson got the Falcons back in just 57 seconds into the final period scoring his third goal of the season to bring it to 2-1. Jonathan Matsumoto and Mike Falk got assists on the play as Hodgson knocked a loose puck in that was just outside the crease.

Just three minutes later, Ryan Minnabarriet would tie the game on the only power-play goal for the Falcons on the weekend.

Jonathan Sigalet and Matsumoto got the assists on Minnabarriet's second of the year.

Following Bateman's winner at 14:08, Dirk Southern would get his fifth goal of the season to

add insurance on a 4-2 Northern win, which gave them four points on the weekend and a seven point lead over the Falcons in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association Standings.

The Falcons' power-play was 1-of-6 on the night and Northern's power-play was 3-of-9 for the night.

Mike Nesdill made his first appearance of the season in Friday's game and played his first two collegiate games on the weekend.

It was doubtful he would play again this season after a shoulder injury he experienced in the team's exhibition game against Windsor.

BG will return home on Friday to face the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in the first game of a home-and-home series before playing a stretch of five straight games on the road.

Floor routine looks good for Falcons

GYMNASTICS, FROM PAGE 9

highest on the team.

The best overall apparatus for the team was the floor exercise.

"Floor was great this weekend. They just really performed and had fun," Beach said.

Behind Guyer and Kenel on the floor, sophomore Allison Swafford scored a 9.750 and senior Kristin DiPietro recorded a 9.725.

On the vault, freshman Jayme Stambaugh helped out the cause by placing fifth with a 9.700.

Top scorers on the uneven bars included junior Jessica Bradley, 9.725, and DiPietro, 9.625.

The team's next meet is against Eastern Michigan on Saturday.



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DIGGIN' IN: Tara Marler, president of the women's club volleyball team, bumps a ball during practice last night. The team opens up the Spring season at Central Michigan this Saturday. See page 12 for complete schedule.



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THROWING IT AWAY: Greg Henry, president of the club ultimate frisbee team, throws a pass during a mock scrimmage last night in the field house. The team opens up with a tournament in BG on Feb. 26.

CLUBHOUSE

"You don't necessarily pick what you want. You pick what is given to you."

STEVE PETURES, CLUB HOCKEY TREASURER

Club sports at disadvantage

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS EDITOR

Forget chartered buses and jets. And forget about having hotels reserved for you.

While varsity athletes at Bowling Green are busy concentrating on the business on the field, club sport athletes are concentrating on the business of getting to the field.

For the club hockey team, that means ordering a van for road trips and securing hotel reservations in advance. And normally, that means a lot of paper work.

"Every week, we have to turn in paper work," club hockey Treasurer Steve Petures said.

The club track team goes through a similar problem every time they travel, but they solve that problem by driving themselves to events.

"So far we just use our own vehicles," track club President Steve Vairetta said. "We haven't had any overnight stays yet; our meets are normally done in one day."

Being an athlete involved with club sports also involves taking what is given to your team.

While the basketball teams get first dibs at Anderson Arena and the varsity hockey team gets the nod at the Ice Arena, club sports

teams have to try to fit in times that aren't normally at their convenience, and sometimes not at the cost they like.

"We pay a bunch of money for ice time," Petures said. "We wish we could get a break."

"Tonight, we are practicing at 11:15. You don't necessarily pick what you want, you pick what is given to you."

For the club hockey team, a normal practice schedule would see them work out on the ice for about two and a half hours a week.

That changes a little bit with the club track team. They normally practice one and a half to two hours a day. The varsity track team was cut in 2002, which was the same year the club track team started. That has resulted in the same practice schedules for the track team. Vairetta is one of the runners still left over from the 2002 squad.

"We cover pretty much all the same events," he said. "And we still use some of the equipment from the varsity team."

Where club sports teams do a lot of leg work scheduling and doing paper work, varsity sports put in work on the field, ice or court, depending on what season it is.

For basketball and track stand-out Liz Honegger, that season never ends.

Honegger is currently leading the BG women's basketball team in scoring and rebounding, and last spring, was solid in throwing events for the track and field team.

Last year, her time practicing never ended. One week after the basketball team fell to Eastern Michigan in the Mid-American Conference title, she was practicing with the runners.

The kicker is that she was still in the midst of practicing her hoops skills, too.

"I'm hoping this year, it will be more balanced out," she said.

For Honegger and her teammates, they never have to worry about hotel reservations and transportation. On top of that, the NCAA has rules that keep players from practicing endless hours every day, but Honegger and the rest of her teammates have been putting in quite a bit of practice.

"We've been practicing about two hours a day lately," she said.

And it would likely be more if the team wasn't currently on a streak that has seen them win nine of their last 10 games.

For club sports and varsity

sports, the differences aren't in the time put in, the differences are in the work done.

While varsity athletes can work exclusively on their game, club sports gets to work on their game, their hotel reservations and their travel expenses.

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IN YOUR FACE: Fritz Scheuer spikes the ball during practice last night in Eppler. More men's volleyball to come in the coming weeks.

WOMEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL FINISHED THIRD IN TWO OF THE FOUR TOURNAMENTS THEY PLAYED IN. HERE IS THEIR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR THIS SEMESTER

JAN. 29: At Central Michigan

FEB. 19: At Ohio State

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APRIL 14-16: Nationals in Kansas City, MO

WOMEN'S CLUB GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

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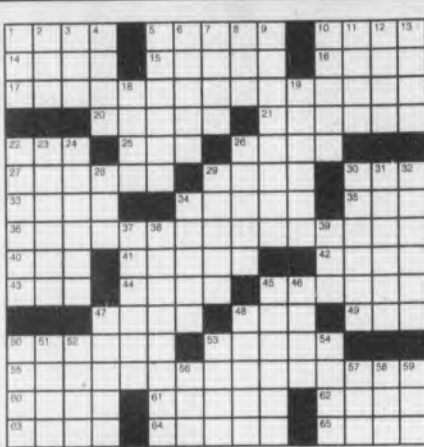


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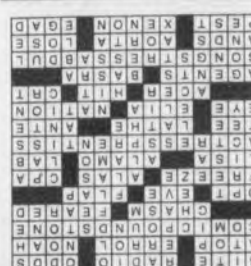


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